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ALLARD INTRODUCES CAPITAL GAINS TAX CUT AMENDMENT TO TAX BILL SAYS RATE CUT WILL "SPUR" ECONOMIC GROWTH

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today introduced an amendment to the tax bill which if enacted would lower the current capital gains tax rate from 20 percent to 15 percent.

"I believe this amendment will spur economic growth at a time our economy is very much in need of a jump start. No tax cut would do more to stimulate the economy than a capital gains rate tax cut," Allard said. "Every time Congress has reduced the capital gains rate, revenue to the federal treasury has gone up and the U.S. economy has grown."

Allard's amendment would reduce the highest capital gains rate from 20 percent rate to 15 percent and lower the current lowest rate of 10 percent to 7 percent. The current rates were put in place in 1997 when Congress reduced the capital gains tax rate from 28 percent to 20 percent.

"In 1997, Congress reduced the capital gains tax from 28 percent to 20 percent and what happened?" asked Allard during his floor speech introducing the amendment. "The federal government has received \$200 billion more capital gains tax revenue than was forecasted over the last four years and the economy saw a huge expansion."

U.S. Senators Judd Gregg (R-NH) and John Ensign (R-NV) are joining Allard in the effort to pass a capital gains tax rate cut. The Senate is expected to vote on the Allard amendment before Memorial Day.

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